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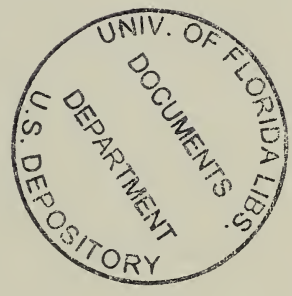

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Biography

JOHN JOSEPH DEMPSEY was born in White Haven, Luzerne County, Pa., June 22, 1879; attended the grade schools; served as waterboy for a railroad contracting crew at thirteen years of age; engaged as a telegrapher; held various positions with the Brooklyn Union Elevator Co.; vice president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. until 1919; entered the oil business in Oklahoma in 1919 and was vice president of the Continental Oil and Asphalt Co.; moved to Santa Fe, N. Mex., in 1920 and was an independent oil operator; in 1928 became president of the United States Asphalt Co.; in 1932 was appointed a member and later president of the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico; State director for the National Recovery Administration in 1933, then became State director of the Federal Housing Administration and the National Emergency Council; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fifth, and Seventy-sixth Congresses (January 3, 1935-January 3, 1941); was not a candidate for renomination in 1940, but was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination for United States Senator; appointed a member of the United States Maritime Commission and served from January 3, 1941, until his resignation effective July 7, 1941; Under Secretary of the Interior from July 7, 1941, until his resignation on June 24, 1942; Governor of New Mexico from January 1, 1943, to January 1, 1947; unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator in 1946; elected to the Eighty-second and the three succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1951, until his death in Washington, D. C., March 11, 1958; interment in Rosario Cemetery, Santa Fe, N. Mex.

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Proceedings in the House

WEDNESDAY, *March 12, 1958.*

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. Montoya].

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, with a deep sense of grief I announce to this House the untimely death of our esteemed colleague and friend, the Honorable JOHN J. DEMPSEY. He passed away last evening at the hour of 10:20 after a short illness. In behalf of his bereaved family I want to thank his many colleagues who expressed great concern over his illness prior to his passing. Needless to say, we shall miss him as a distinguished Member of this House and as a rare type of friend. His loss has created a great vacuum in the field of public service and our country and my State of New Mexico will grieve his loss with a heavy heart. During my short service in the Congress I have been privileged to serve with him and to seek his counsel and advice which he willingly gave at all times. He was revered by Members on both sides of the aisle because his great dedication to public service dictated to him that he should rise above partisan politics. He practiced a philosophy which became the secret of his success as a legislator and public servant. He believed strongly that sincere friendship and high regard for his colleagues were the cornerstones for success in human endeavor. I knew Congressman DEMPSEY throughout his public life and always sought his advice on many public matters. As Governor of our State he administered this important office with indomitable courage and unsurpassed dedication of purpose. Reared in humble circumstances he appreciated full well that the commonweal of the majority of our citizens was the very foundation of a healthy America. Never forgetting his background, he

was at all times turning his official demeanor and labors to the very things that would promote the public welfare. He subscribed tenaciously to the idea that love of one's fellow man should be the prime objective in life; that hatred and resentment were unwelcome allies. His service as a legislator clearly demonstrates to all of us an exemplary lesson of statesmanship which we cannot help but appraise with approving satisfaction. My State adopted him in 1928 and soon he was contributing greatly in public affairs. This adoption inured to the benefit of New Mexico because his contributions were so great and so vivid that today a grateful populace mourns his passing. He has indeed left an indelible imprint in the hearts of his fellow men. We shall sorely miss him as a colleague and friend. We shall not forget him. My most profound sympathies go to his bereaved wife and family who will miss him greatly but who will find comfort in the thought that he enriched his fellow man and his life was not in vain. May God grant them serenity in this hour of need.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, the depression that this House feels today because of the death of Representative JOHN J. DEMPSEY, of New Mexico, is somewhat mitigated by the fullness of JOHN DEMPSEY'S life. Here was a man who during his lifetime lived successfully and to the very limit through several careers. His foremost career I am sure it will be said of him was in his service here in this House and in his contribution to the betterment of the lot of the ordinary man. This level of contribution to the welfare of his country is probably matched by his achievement as Governor of New Mexico, a post to which he was twice elected.

What endeared him to me, apart from the affection that all of us felt for him, was that while he understood and practiced abundantly and constructively all the enlightened and accepted practices of the skillful statesman, his basic motivation invariably was an uncompromising religious conscience. He was a devout man religiously.

Moreover there shone in the sparkling personality of JOHN DEMPSEY and in his distinguished bearing all the color and the variety that marked his progress through his 78 years. New Mexico was his home and the seat of his major services to America but he was born in White Haven, Luzerne County, Pa., in 1879. And what always appeals to the American pride in self-reliance and in our devotion to the success story is the fact that Representative DEMPSEY'S career during and after grade schools began as a water boy for a railroad. The next line in his biography tells you that while he worked as a telegrapher and at various odd jobs, we find him in due course a vice president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. JOHN DEMPSEY early acquired the habit of success.

Then in 1919 this remarkable American pulled up stakes, leaving behind him a life of substance and stability, to start anew in Santa Fe, N. Mex. There he built up an asphalt and oil business becoming an independent operator. In 1933 we find him—starting yet another career—as a State director for the National Recovery Administration. We see him move to the position of member and president of the board of regents of the University of New Mexico. It was a kind of political logic that he should be elected—as a Democrat—to the 74th, 75th, and 76th Congresses, a period covering January 3, 1935, to January 3, 1941. He failed in his try for the Senate. He served with great effectiveness and purpose on several commissions and as Under Secretary of the Interior. From 1943 to 1947 he was Governor of New Mexico, twice elected. Then from the 82d Congress to his death

here in the 85th we knew him again as one of our beloved and respected colleagues.

What I have done in this hour of bereavement is to give this House a capsule story of a very typical American whose robust and dynamic career in many ways reflects the life of our country, its faith in private initiative, its independence, its courage, its insistence upon results, and its deep and profound and spiritual conscience. In being proud of the remarkable and varied life of JOHN J. DEMPSEY, we are really being proud of America which makes careers like that possible and which invites in its citizens qualities of boldness, courage, and fortitude. All there is left for me to say to JOHN'S family—his wife, his son, his two daughters—is that we join them in their feeling of grief and that they may take some comfort in knowing we in this House knew JOHN DEMPSEY as a type of American who did immense credit to his racial and religious background, who served his State and his Nation according to the best and the highest traditions, and whose impress on the life of his time advanced the progress of man.

I do miss him very much. It was only the other day I was chatting with him on the floor, as were other colleagues of mine. He was one of the most powerful contributing Members of the Congress of the United States during his years of honorable and trustworthy service in this body. I shall miss him very much, as will all of the Members of the House.

I know I express the sentiment of all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle when I join with the delegation from New Mexico in expressing the deep sorrow that is in all of our hearts at the passing of this outstanding gentleman and this great American, and particularly in extending my profound sympathy to Mrs. Dempsey and her loved ones.

JOHN JOSEPH DEMPSEY

Mr. Speaker, I include the following editorial from Broadcasting Magazine, March 17, 1958:

JOHN J. DEMPSEY

Broadcasting lost a good friend and the Nation a distinguished and dedicated public servant in the death last week of Representative JOHN J. DEMPSEY, Democrat, of New Mexico. He was 78.

Nearly 20 years ago Mr. DEMPSEY led the effort to establish the House Radio Gallery in the first move to give the radio news reporter privileges on a parity with those of the press in covering Congress. It was not an easy or popular undertaking because the old-line press offered formidable opposition.

It was on April 29, 1939, that the House Radio Gallery was established. There followed in rapid succession creation of the Senate Radio Gallery, and White House and other departmental recognition. This spread through State and local governments. And 10 years later the right to editorialize was enunciated by the FCC.

In extending our sympathy to Representative DEMPSEY's bereaved family, we also suggest that a fitting memorial to him by a grateful broadcasting medium would be the creation of a DEMPSEY award for meritorious achievement in broadcast news reporting and editorializing.

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, the House mourns today the loss of one of its most esteemed and able Members in the death of JOHN DEMPSEY. In his many years of service as Congressman, Governor, and Cabinet officer, he served with great ability and distinction.

His life was an example of what America affords to those who have the courage, the persistence, and character necessary for success. Starting as a poor boy in Pennsylvania and New York, he steadily climbed the ladder of success, until he reached his present position of prominence.

It was my privilege to be a member in 1937 of a joint committee from the Senate and House to study statehood for

Hawaii. The committee was headed by Senator King, of Utah. JOHN DEMPSEY was a member of that committee and the assignment gave me the opportunity of knowing the splendid character of our deceased colleague. A friendship developed which grew stronger as time passed.

It is with profound sadness I heard of his unexpected and untimely death. To his wife, Gladys, and his family goes my deepest sympathy in their hour of bereavement. They have suffered a severe loss of a loved one, the House has lost a fine Member, and New Mexico and the country have lost a dedicated public servant.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Speaker, most certainly I desire to join with my colleagues today as we pay a most deserved tribute to the fine and outstanding personality and to the strong character in life's activities of our late friend and co-worker, the Honorable JOHN J. DEMPSEY.

Once again death has paid a hurried call to our ranks and has snatched from among us one whom we loved to see—one with whom we loved to work and visit. Today, and the tomorrows, will have a meaningful void because of his absence, for no one among our number was more universally loved than he whose life is the subject of today's tribute.

It was my pleasure and profit to work most closely with JACK, as he was affectionately called by all of us during his last service in the Congress—from 1951 to the present. Never have I worked with anyone who bore his share of the load more effectively and willingly than he. He gave of his talents and his valued counsel most freely but also, most unobtrusively. He was always attentive to his own responsibility in all of our mutual undertakings. I wish particularly at this time to recognize and call to the attention of my colleagues the outstanding and valuable services and contributions of

our late colleague and companion to the study, planning and successful conclusion of the legislation which resulted in the authorization of the Upper Colorado River Storage Basin Project Act. Because of his attribute of humility, very few of his friends except those who were most closely allied with him in this work, realized what a tower of strength he was in that battle. May I say as I pay my personal tribute today that I feel better that I was able to let him know during his lifetime what a high value I placed on his services in our mutual undertakings as well as the high regard I came to have for him during the years that I was privileged to be numbered among his associates and friends.

His interest and kindness for his colleagues will be forever remembered by me because of many events and happenings, but especially because of one particular situation where he became very close. Just a year ago at this time I happened to remark at lunch one day that I was due for a little trip to Bethesda for some surgery. JACK said in his friendly way, "Wayne, are you well prepared for your trip?" When I suggested to him that I was as well prepared as I could be he reached into an inner pocket and brought out a scapular, an emblem of his religious faith, and said, "Please take this. It will help you along the way." I accepted this token and have carried it ever since—may I add further, largely because of a sense of appreciation of the love which this noble gentleman bore for his fellow men regardless of their creed, color, or nationality. During his recent illness my prayers for the restoration of his health and strength were with him, but God in his infinite wisdom has ruled otherwise and now I join with my colleagues in a fervent prayer for the restful repose of his beautiful soul. Mrs. Aspinall and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Dempsey and their children in the loss of their loved one.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Halleck].

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, this is an unhappy day for me. I have lost another fine, personal friend in the death of our colleague, JOHN DEMPSEY.

Even though the reports of his illness had been most discouraging, there is no way we can condition ourselves to the distressing news that one we have known and loved for many years has left our ranks.

My friendship with JACK DEMPSEY dates back to 1935, the year we both came to the House of Representatives.

Ours was no mere acquaintanceship. My feeling toward JACK was one of deep affection, and I have no reason to believe he felt otherwise about me.

It was because of this closeness that I knew something of JACK'S background. His career was the story of a boy of limited opportunities in the generally accepted sense who demonstrated that in this great land of ours anyone with what we out in Indiana call "gumption" can succeed.

JACK DEMPSEY was a success.

He was a success because he made the most of his capacities.

He was a success because he was a man of solid integrity.

He was a success, finally, because he was willing to give unselfishly of his fine talents to help make this a better world.

I am saddened by his death and offer my deepest sympathy to his gracious wife, Gladys, and the other members of the wonderful family he has left behind. It is my hope that they may find some measure of consolation in the fact that a devoted husband and father lived a full and rich life, a life dedicated to the service of his fellow man.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. Jones].

Mr. JONES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our beloved colleague, Representative JOHN J. DEMPSEY, is a loss, not only to his bereaved family and the State of New Mexico, but to the Congress and the entire Nation.

His life was one of inspiration and encouragement, for it was in the fine American tradition. He was a poor boy who achieved much and finding honor for what he did, through hard work, a constant reaching out for more knowledge and a lifelong striving to find ways to serve those less favored than he was in abilities and personal assets.

I was associated closely with Mr. DEMPSEY as a member of the House Public Works Committee and I have personal knowledge of his devotion to duty, his deep knowledge of national problems and his zeal for sound, constructive legislation.

He was the sponsor of the original Soil Conservation Act in 1935. He always was an active exponent of good conservation legislation. We and the Nation at large benefited from this thorough knowledge of natural resources and his ability as a highway and transportation expert. He was one of the prime movers in the expanded national highway program and his motivation was mostly the saving of lives in traffic.

JOHN J. DEMPSEY had a well-rounded, well-filled life, marked by outstanding achievements for universal good and better living for many thousands of his contemporaries. He will be missed for his great knowledge, his wise counsel and personal charm. His accomplishments will continue to affect all of us for time to come.

It was an inspiration and a privilege to have known and worked with JOHN J. DEMPSEY. His memory will be cherished, not only here in Congress, but throughout the Nation.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. McGregor].

Mr. McGREGOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere regret that I note the death of my longtime friend and colleague, Congressman JOHN J. DEMPSEY, of New Mexico.

Known to his many close friends as "Governor JACK," Congressman DEMPSEY will be long remembered by those

of us who were privileged to know him as a real statesman, who went far beyond his required duties to be of help to his fellow men, regardless of whether they were rich or poor. His record in public life, both as Governor of the State of New Mexico and as a Member of the Congress of the United States, was the kind of record his family can be justly proud of, and it was the kind of record which could well serve as the goal of any American youth.

"Governor JACK" was possessed of an uncanny ability as a mediator between groups in disagreement, and his wise counsel and complete willingness to be of service will be greatly missed, both by the people of New Mexico and by his fellow Members of Congress.

It was our privilege to join with him and his lovely wife on many inspection trips in connection with our duties as members of the Public Works Committee. His vast experience and sound judgment were of great assistance to all of us in discharging these committee responsibilities.

The Nation has lost a great American, Mrs. Dempsey a loving husband, and we who knew him so well a trusted and loyal friend. I want to extend my heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Dempsey and the children and, at the same time, to assure them that their "Governor JACK" has left an indelible mark on the minds and hearts of us all.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from New York [Mr. Rooney].

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to join in this tribute to the life and character of the late JOHN J. DEMPSEY, Representative at Large from New Mexico. This morning I found that I was almost afraid to open the morning's newspaper, for I had made inquiry about 8 o'clock last night as to how JACK was coming along at the hospital. The information I then received was such that it caused me to be sad and afraid that I was about to lose a

good and true friend. When I opened that newspaper this morning, there was the sad news.

When JACK DEMPSEY was vice president and general manager of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., he and my father-in-law, the late Edward P. Hughes, were as close friends as any two men could be. At the time he was with the transit company, I never dreamt that many years later I would have the privilege of serving here in the House of Representatives with JACK DEMPSEY and learn to admire him and to love him.

It is, indeed, with a heavy heart that I join in these eulogies and extend to his loving widow, his son, and daughters, my deepest sympathy and prayers in their bereavement. May Almighty God in His mercy and wisdom grant him the peace and rest which I know will be his just reward.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Brown].

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly distressed, as were all Members of the House, to learn of the illness of our good friend and colleague, Representative JOHN J., or better known as JACK DEMPSEY, of New Mexico. Though we were prepared because of the seriousness of his illness we were still shocked by the news of his death.

It has been my privilege, and it has been a distinct privilege, to know JACK DEMPSEY for more than 20 years and to serve with him in the Congress and in other capacities and call him a friend. He was a self-made man and though he grew to where he sat in the seats of the mighty, he always remained humble. He always had a friendly word on his lips and a helpful hand out to those who needed it.

This Congress and this country have suffered a great loss in the passing of JACK DEMPSEY. We shall always remember him. To his family he has left the priceless heritage of a good name and to those of us who called him friend, many precious memories.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Holifield].

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Mr. Speaker, it was with a heavy heart that I was awakened in the middle of the night last night to receive a telephone call informing us of the passing of our friend and colleague, JOHN DEMPSEY. I served with JOHN DEMPSEY on the Atomic Energy Committee for the past 3 years and of course I knew him, as many Members have known him, over a period of many years.

In thinking of him we remember that this man was an outstanding success in the business world before he came to the Congress of the United States in 1935, and served 3 terms in the 74th, 75th, and 76th Congresses. After that period of 6 years' service in Congress he served on the United States Maritime Commission and was Under Secretary of the Interior. Then the people of the State of New Mexico elected him twice to the highest office they could give him, the governorship of that great State. During this time in office there he pioneered many great social reforms. The highways, housing, and health conditions of New Mexico bear the imprint of his thinking.

After serving there for 4 years he was again elected to Congress and served in the 82d, 83d, 84th, and 85th Congresses until his death last night. I was privileged to know him as a colleague, but Mrs. Holifield and I were privileged to know Mr. and Mrs. DEMPSEY as close personal friends. They have been guests in our home and we have enjoyed the privilege of being guests in their home in Santa Fe, N. Mex. Over the years I served on the Atomic Energy Committee with him I got to know him better. I got to know of his close interest and concern in the terrible effects of the weapons which come as a result of atomic energy. I got to know of his fervent hope that somehow or other these weapons would not be visited upon a suffering mankind. I also learned at first hand his great interest in the peacetime

application of atomic energy and his desire that no efforts go unexpended which could increase the blessings to mankind of this great new property.

He was a great Christian gentleman, he was kindly, he was possessed of that unfailing Irish humor which always made me glad to be in his company.

It is with a deep sense of grief that I extend to his son and his two daughters and his bereaved wife, Gladys, the deep personal sympathy of Mrs. Holifield and myself in this hour of their bereavement. May God in His infinite wisdom and compassion overshadow his bereaved family and grant to them the courage and fortitude which they need to help them through this hour of sorrow.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. Auchincloss].

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, by the death of JACK DEMPSEY the Nation has lost a most conscientious citizen and a truly delightful person. All his life he worked hard and many years were devoted to the service of his fellow citizens who acknowledged his unselfish endeavors on their behalf by reelecting him time and again to public offices of high trust.

He had a host of friends who were charmed by his personality; by his modesty and sincerity and his gentle humor which was so infectious. He was always courteous but he had strong convictions, at all times respecting the opinions of others. He had great charm of character and it was a privilege to know him.

A tireless Congressman, working for the interests of those he represented, a loyal and devoted friend, a distinguished American, and an outstanding Christian gentleman, he has achieved his reward of a crown of life amongst that host of others who have gone before him. He will be greatly missed and he will never be forgotten.

I offer my deepest sympathy to his widow and children and may the prayers and thoughts of his many friends support them in this hour of sorrow.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Price].

Mr. PRICE. Mr. Speaker, I join our colleague, the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. Montoya] in his expressions and tributes to a great American, Representative JOHN J. DEMPSEY. JACK DEMPSEY was a true pioneer. He contributed a great deal toward the building of his beloved Western State of New Mexico, and he contributed much through his wisdom and judgment on the national scene. His was truly a valuable service to both State and Nation.

JACK DEMPSEY adopted the great West after having already established a successful career in his native East. He was twice Governor of the State of New Mexico, and he has served in the House of Representatives on two different occasions. He was a Member of the House from 1935 to 1941, and again from 1951 until the present time. His contemporaries will recognize that these were periods that required much from the individuals who represented their people in judgment and in plain hard work.

I have had the pleasure of close contact with JACK DEMPSEY in his second period of service in the House of Representatives. I know of no finer person. He was always pleasant and considerate. He was a good man to work with. He was deeply interested in his committee assignments and contributed much toward the work of the committees on which he served.

He had other important assignments aside from his elective positions and in which he served with great distinction. He was close to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and was called upon by him to serve in important capacities in the Government. He was appointed by President Roosevelt to the United States Maritime Commission in January 1941 and later was selected by President Roosevelt to serve as Under Secretary of the Interior. He left this latter important position to serve as Governor of New Mexico.

My deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Gladys, and to his son and daughters.

His loss will be greatly felt for a long time, his memories will be treasured by the hundreds of close friends he has made in his long years of service in New Mexico and in Washington.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Hill].

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with my colleagues in expressing our deep regret and sorrow on the passing of our beloved friend, the Congressman from New Mexico, Hon. JOHN DEMPSEY. He was my friend—my personal friend and neighbor long before he became a Member of the House of Representatives. He was a great supporter and great worker for all the projects and problems incident to the development of our western areas as well as the Nation at large. We are losing a most valuable member of the legislative branch of our Government. His usefulness is a matter of record. To his wife and family I extend my deepest and most sincere sympathy. May a kind Providence provide to each of his loved ones the peace and understanding which a Father in heaven alone can give to us in the distress and sadness which must come to our hearts when we face such events. His wonderful record will fill a glowing page in the history of our country.

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the distinguished Speaker.

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I know of few deaths which have occurred in the House of Representatives since I became a Member that touched me more deeply and made me sadder than to learn of the passing of our colleague, JOHN J. DEMPSEY. JACK DEMPSEY, as he was known to all of us, was not only a gentleman; he was a noble man. He had the elements of kindness, the elements of high character, the elements of real statesmanship in him as few men I have

known here or elsewhere. He was as kind a man as I ever knew. He sought never to offend anyone, but he knew how to do his job in the executive department of the Government, in the executive department of the great State of New Mexico, and in the legislative branch. He went into all of those fields capably and well. Let me repeat, he was an effective man on the floor of this House. He knew what he wanted to do. If he had a proposition he could explain it to us so that we would understand it. Therefore, he was one of the most effective legislators it has been my privilege to see in this House. He and his lovely wife and I were close personal friends. To her and the other members of his family go my deepest sympathy and my most affectionate regards.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Hoeven].

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. Speaker, I am grieved to learn of the passing of JACK DEMPSEY. He was a rugged American who served well his day and generation. Many honors came to him during his long and distinguished career. He was one of the most able Representatives ever to serve in this House. I shall miss him in the days that lie ahead. My deepest sympathy goes out to all his loved ones.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Albert].

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, one of the high privileges of congressional service is the friendships that we make here. JACK DEMPSEY was my friend in every sense of the word.

As all Members can testify, JOHN J. DEMPSEY was a modest man, but he was also a big man. He was big in service, big in ideals, great in character and ability. He was a solid and constructive Member of this House, an effective legislator, a real statesman. He was a noble American.

JOHN DEMPSEY was formerly a resident of my State. He has had many business interests in Oklahoma over the years.

At the time of his death he had important business interests in my congressional district. His friends in Oklahoma were legion.

I shall miss him. I extend my deepest sympathy to his fine family.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Mack].

Mr. MACK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, we, the Members of the House of Representatives who knew him best, are here today to pay tribute to the memory of one of the finest American gentlemen any of us ever knew and to one of the ablest statesmen this Congress ever has produced.

Our friend, JOHN DEMPSEY, was a man of great ability. He was always sincere and forthright. His integrity was such that his word was as good as his bond.

We admired him for these sterling qualities but more than that we loved JACK DEMPSEY because of his great capacity for friendship. He was always kindly, congenial, and helpful. He radiated optimism. His very presence in a room brightened it. It was always a joy to be in his presence.

In Congressman JACK DEMPSEY's death, his State and his country have lost an outstanding public servant and a great statesman. We, his colleagues, who knew and loved him have lost one of our dearest friends.

Mr. SMITH of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi.

Mr. SMITH of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, it is a very sad occasion for me to join in the tributes being paid to our late friend and colleague, JACK DEMPSEY.

For many years I sat by his side as a member of the Committee on Public Works. I want to express my appreciation for the many courtesies he showed me in my endeavors on

that committee. I want to tell my colleagues that one of his great attributes was that of being a fighter; he fought for what he believed in. I know, because we were often in conflict about certain views or issues which came before our committee. We often disputed them sharply in committee but we found ways to resolve these differences and could always come together in friendship and understanding in support of a mutually agreed upon plan or approach.

As has been said here by so many Members, JACK DEMPSEY in his life was a fine expression of everything we believe to be good and true about our American system.

I join proudly in the tributes that have been paid to this great man and express my deep sympathy to his wonderful wife and to his family.

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart, for I have lost a great and good friend. It was my good fortune to meet JACK DEMPSEY a number of years before I came to Congress. I have many relatives in the State of New Mexico, and they have always held JACK DEMPSEY in the highest esteem.

I wish I could remember the words of praise one of my brothers, who has now also passed on, had for his friend JACK DEMPSEY. They were great friends; so when I came to Congress and learned to know this great man I could appreciate what my brother meant when he said: "There is a man."

We shall miss JACK DEMPSEY in this House of Representatives; the great State of New Mexico will miss his good services. It so happened that through my membership on a committee I was in a position to assist JACK in many of the problems of benefit to New Mexico, which State he served so well in this House.

He would come to me and say: "Ben, lend me your ear for a minute. I have a problem which I need your help to solve."

I listened, and always his requests were completely justified. I am glad I was of service to him and his great State.

He was a noble, patriotic gentleman of the highest order. May the same God who called him to his heavenly home give his loved ones strength to bear the great loss they have sustained.

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, as so many of his colleagues have said here today, JACK DEMPSEY was a man. He was a big man, a big man in every sense of the word. He was big in his capacity to serve his people, as governor, as Maritime Administrator, and as a Member of this body. He was energetic in the representation of his people. Frankly, Mr. Speaker, I was amazed to learn of his age. I thought he was a much younger man because his energy and his active representation and presentation of the problems of his State reflected the activity of a man many years his junior.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, he was big in his capacity for love and for friendship. If time permitted, each Member on both sides of the aisle would pay tribute to his memory because wherever JACK DEMPSEY went he made friends and whoever knew him was proud to call him a friend.

I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to him and in expressing our deepest sympathy to his very fine family.

Mr. RHODES of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. RHODES of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, the people of Arizona are deeply grieved and shocked at the passing of our good friend and neighbor, the Honorable JOHN J. DEMPSEY.

If each of them could speak to the people of New Mexico, I am sure they would express the sympathy which they feel and the grief they share at the loss which the whole West has suffered in the passing of this great and fine man.

Speaking personally, I can say that I have lost a very valued friend. The effectiveness of JACK DEMPSEY was illustrated about a week ago when several of us were in a meeting dealing with the problems of the West. After we discussed the problems the consensus of the group, as expressed by one member, was that only JACK DEMPSEY could handle the problem and do it right. That was typical, Mr. Speaker, of many other meetings which I attended to discuss problems of the West since I have been a Member of Congress.

Here was an effective man, an honest man, a sincere man, who through those qualities was able to make more friends in this House than any other Member in my experience.

One of the things which he possessed was a great sense of humor. This was a man who was able to be serious about his job but also was able to exercise that sense of humor to keep him and to keep those around him from becoming discouraged at times when things were not going well.

We will miss him, and I can only say I hope that his family and all of his friends will be comforted by the kind of man he was, the kind of record he made, and by the reverence with which every Member of the House, every person who knew him, regards the memory of that great and good man.

May God rest his soul.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Multer].

Mr. MULTER. Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a sad moment for all of us. I can think of few people who have served in public life who will be claimed by as many States as will claim our good, late friend, JOHN DEMPSEY.

Born in Pennsylvania, he went as a young man to New York State. From there he went to Oklahoma and then to New Mexico. As the dean of the New York delegation has so well put it in the title of his book, "One Never Leaves Brooklyn." So, we in Brooklyn have always looked upon JACK as one of us. I was still a young man in school in Brooklyn when JACK DEMPSEY had already made his mark in the life of our community, not only in the business world but as one who looked upon the privilege of being an American citizen as carrying with it the duty to constantly participate in the political and the civic life of his community. Brooklyn has always been a better place because JACK DEMPSEY tarried with us for a while. As JACK went on to other fields and moved up the political ladder to important places in Government, Brooklyn always rejoiced his successes. We gloried in the fact that here was a man whom we could claim had been part and parcel of us. He went on to higher and better things, always having in mind that he was a public servant, performing and fulfilling a public trust. Always in that kindly way that typified JACK DEMPSEY, he tried to arrive at the best solutions of those difficult problems that confront persons in public life, whether in the administrative field or the legislative field.

We will miss JACK. Brooklyn, N. Y., all of the States that he has lived in and served, the whole Nation, pays tribute to a loyal, a good, a true, a noble and devoted servant.

I join with all of our colleagues in extending to his family our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. Patterson].

Mr. PATTERSON. Mr. Speaker, I was grieved on learning of the saddening news of my friend JACK DEMPSEY, and his untimely passing. I first met JACK years ago when I was a student at Georgetown and had, as my mathematics pro-

fessor, his son. But then, as the years rolled on and I came to Congress, I also learned to know JACK even better and to build up a greater affection for him. I do not think there is any man in the House of Representatives who was more devoted to his country, nor who was more devoted to his duties, nor who was a greater American than our good friend, JACK. I do not think there is anything greater that may be said about a man than to say he was a great American. Certainly that was demonstrated in everything that JACK did.

So, it is my sad duty to offer my most sincere condolences to his most wonderful wife and his lovely family. I am sure that right now our friend, JACK DEMPSEY, has taken his rightful place in the choir of angels, and may God in His infinite wisdom and mercy have compassion upon his soul.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Rogers].

Mr. ROGERS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I join my colleagues in paying last respects to our departed colleague, the Honorable JOHN DEMPSEY. He was a great American. He understood people and he always wanted to help people. His was a spirit of understanding and cooperation. We in the western part of the United States realize that he was a great leader. His devotion was to those who trusted him.

America, and especially New Mexico, has lost its leading citizen. It has been my privilege to know our departed colleague for a number of years. When I first came to Congress I always found sound advice and counsel when I consulted him.

May I pay my respects to his widow and his children as we shall miss JACK in the years to come.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Baldwin].

Mr. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege during the past 4 years to serve on the Committee on Public Works of this body with the Honorable JOHN DEMPSEY. During that period of time I came to have a deep respect for JOHN DEMPSEY. I found that he was one of the outstanding Members of our committee and of this body. There was no one in this body who had a greater love for America, a greater love for the West, and that was demonstrated in all of the actions he took on this House floor and in our committee. I think those of us who had the privilege of serving on the Committee on Public Works with him have been benefited greatly by the sound judgment he constantly demonstrated in all discussions and debates that we had in that committee.

He approached every problem not in a spirit of partisanship but in a spirit of what was best for this country and what was best for the area that he represented.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with the other Members in their tributes to him and to express my deep sympathy to his widow and his children.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. MORRIS. Mr. Speaker, there are many reasons, but there are three particularly, which I should like to mention, why I know that our departed colleague, JOHN J. DEMPSEY, was one of God's noblemen. My secretary, Miss Ella Marice Ryan, was for a period of about 4 years secretary to Congressman DEMPSEY. She is a lady of very high character and is one of the most efficient secretaries I have ever known. A Congressman's secretary knows him perhaps as well as, if not better than, anyone else, because the secretary is in daily contact with him. The secretary knows what his thinking is, his philosophy in life. The secretary knows how he operates generally. The secretary knows whether he is efficient or inefficient, knows more about him, perhaps, as I say, than anyone else. And Miss Ryan has told me so many times

how noble was JACK DEMPSEY. She has told me of the power of his mind, his true greatness.

He was so kind and considerate toward those with whom he worked. He was so magnanimous in his attitude generally. He was so powerful in representing the people of his district and the people of our whole great country. That is one reason why I know he was one of God's noblemen.

In addition to that, just a few moments ago, we heard the great Speaker of this House tell us of his friendship for and closeness to Congressman DEMPSEY.

In addition to that, may I refer again to Miss Ryan, who has told me so many times how close JACK DEMPSEY was to the Speaker and how the great Speaker of this House admired him so much. Any Member of this House or anyone else that Speaker Rayburn has such a high regard for I know is a man of extraordinary character and ability.

Then the last point, and I conclude, I personally knew JACK DEMPSEY well, as all Members of this body did. My personal contact with him was such that I came to a realization soon after I became acquainted with him that he was a man of extraordinary ability and of the very highest character.

The poet has said:

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.
The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies,
When love is done.

The light of Congressman DEMPSEY's life will never die because his love was never done. He loved this great country of ours with zeal and fervor. He loved justice. He loved all of those things all of us should love. He was truly a great man.

To his loved ones I extend my heartfelt sympathy. May God comfort them in this their hour of great bereavement.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah [Mr. Dixon].

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, gratitude is not only the greatest of all virtues, but it is mother of all virtue. I am proud to belong to a group of this kind, the great United States House of Representatives, which demonstrates this wonderful Christian principle of gratitude and appreciation for great men.

Truly, JACK DEMPSEY was a great man. He was gifted, he was courageous, he was a man of principle and of honor. He was also a warm friend, as I found in working closely with him in our fight to bring life-giving waters to our desert areas in the upper-basin States. There I developed a real affection for this wonderful man. The people of Utah owe him a debt of gratitude. They have already expressed their appreciation and I repeat this expression.

Comfort to his family can come from two chief sources. The first is from Almighty God, and I know that He will do His part. The second is from friends such as we are, and I am sure we are doing our part. We hope and pray that the grief in the hearts of his family will be assuaged from these two sources.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Rabaut].

Mr. RABAUT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the House received the news of the serious condition of JACK DEMPSEY'S health and, as the saying goes, "I will come like a thief in the night." Today he is no longer with us.

He was my friend. We came to this body together and our great friendship grew between our families on our trip to the Philippines for the inaugural of the Philippine Commonwealth in 1935.

JACK DEMPSEY'S attributes have been told here today by many who knew and admired him. He was a loyal person. He was a real person. He could differ as well as agree with you, but any differences of opinion were forgotten when he left this Chamber. I often heard him speak fondly of his family. But, he had a particular interest in his grandson, whom he always spoke of "as the boy who carries my name." I was reminded as I sat here today and listened, of the words of a song:

> Sometimes between long shadows on the grass,
> The little truant waves of sunlight pass,
> Mine eyes grow dim with tenderness the while,
> Thinking I see thee, thinking I see thee smile.

May the soul of this faithful public servant be received in Heaven and may the angels conduct him to his final home.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LeCompte].

Mr. LECOMPTE. Mr. Speaker, I was grief stricken beyond words when I learned in the middle of the night from a news broadcast on the air that my friend JACK DEMPSEY, had passed away. Of course, we had the word through the House yesterday afternoon that he was in a desperately critical condition. But, everyone of us left yesterday evening hoping that he was going to recover. Mr. DEMPSEY was one of the outstanding Members of the House even as long ago as 1939 when I came to the Congress. Very early we formed a firm and close friendship that continued down through the years. Not only was he a patriotic American, a fine Governor, a great Congressman, and a devoted public servant, but he was one of the most lovable men I have ever known. You could not be around JACK DEMPSEY without feeling a deep affection for him. His life reads like a Horatio Alger success story—a great story of the American boy coming up without any great wealth and without any great

assistance, but as a result of his own efforts and energy and ambition. Mrs. LeCompte and I were with JACK DEMPSEY and his charming wife in Hawaii 3 years ago. Even then while on vacation, he was devoted to his duties. The people of Hawaii felt a great affection for him and they displayed it on every occasion. JACK DEMPSEY was one of God's noblemen. I loved him from the very first, and I venture to say that the gentleman from New Mexico, who will serve many years in Congress, will always regard his association with JACK DEMPSEY as a benediction and a great memory that will linger with him down through the years. The same will be true of all others who were privileged to serve with him. To his wife and his family, I extend my deepest sympathy. I have a firm feeling that time is a great healer and that down through the years Mrs. Dempsey will be comforted by the tender recollection of the many happy years that she and her husband were permitted to be together. His life is an inspiration. He lived his religion every day of his life. We will not soon see his like again.

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my deep sympathy to the family of JOHN DEMPSEY. All of us who served with him on the Committee on Public Works quickly knew him as a kind, friendly, and effective man. I remember first going on the committee, the consideration he showed each junior member, and the time he would take to discuss the problems that each of us had, with as much interest as he had in his own problems. Knowing of the great burden that each Member of this House bears for the problems of his own district, I think that one of the great characteristics of JACK DEMPSEY was that he took time to worry about each Member's problems as if they were his own.

He also had a great sense of humor. Whenever things would become a little tense in committee, he could always inject that sense of humor and relieve the tension. We will always remember his great contributions to that committee and to this House and Nation. Also, I think it has been noteworthy that so many wonderful tributes have been paid to JACK DEMPSEY today, signifying that each of the Members of this great body considered him more than just a passing friend—considered him as he truly was, a very personal friend to each one of us.

So it is with a very deep heart and with a very sincere feeling that I express my own personal loss and sympathy to his wonderful wife and to his family.

Mr. THOMSON of Wyoming. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from Wyoming.

Mr. THOMSON of Wyoming. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sorrow that I learned of the passing of our friend and colleague, JOHN J. DEMPSEY, of New Mexico.

One of the principal personal privileges of my serving in Congress has been to work closely with Congressman DEMPSEY and to come to know him well. To know Governor DEMPSEY was to admire him. He typified the spirit of America and the spirit of the West. His word was his bond. He was a man of courage and action. He was dedicated to his country and to the district which he represented, in this case his entire State. As a Representative of a sister Western State, I fully appreciate that the great loss to the people of New Mexico is particularly shared by this entire area.

Few men have served their State and their country so well in so many diversified capacities. The continuing confidence expressed in him by the people of his country and his State over so long a period of time speaks for itself of the true ability and service of our dear colleague.

Myself and the people of Wyoming join in expressing our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and to the people of New Mexico. May God rest his soul. May God comfort and sustain his widow and members of his family.

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I have not prepared any written remarks on this sad occasion. I was greatly shocked this morning to learn that our distinguished colleague, a man whom I regarded as an esteemed personal friend during all the 12 years I have been here, had passed on. It is most unfortunate. I was visiting with him in the Speaker's lobby just the middle of last week. On an occasion like this, it is difficult to extemporaneously appraise all the fine qualities of a man like JACK DEMPSEY. But there are 2 or 3 I want to mention. They are not the most common qualities either: First, his always pleasant friendliness, always a warm, understanding personality that made one like to be with him. He had love of his fellow man. He had that God-given quality in an unusual quantity. Then his firmness and fairness for what he believed in. Always, while there was a firmness on his part for what he believed in, always, he respected a difference of opinion by another.

And I remember him so well in relation to one of the committees on which I served, the Committee on Un-American Activities. I think, more than most any other Member of the House, JACK DEMPSEY asked me about that committee and how we were getting along; what progress we were making; and the types of problems which faced us on that committee. He sought information and understanding, he made valuable suggestions. I appreciated that because he was, as you know, constructive in all his approaches. He was anxious to be

helpful to his State and his Nation. His utmost desire was to be of valuable, but humble service.

And then Mrs. Doyle and I will not soon forget the occasion of a Democratic conference in his State some months ago when at his cordial invitation we visited his beautiful home and family. His loyal wife, Gladys, and family were so gracious to us. My wife and I extend to them our sincere sympathy and condolence. I am very happy I listened to him so often tell me of his experiences and best judgment.

Finally, may I observe that I recognize that he was one of these men of elder years who had so much of rich and continuing public service in State or National affairs that they leave something when they pass on. They leave a void which is not filled; they leave a cavity that cannot be filled by any substitute or successor. My distinguished and beloved friend and colleague, JACK DEMPSEY, lived among us with such exemplary friendship that his death will not cause it to depart from our experience.

Mr. MAILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. MAILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I like to believe that in the few years I have been here I have made friends in this House. I can think of no one whose passing would fill me with such a deep sense of personal sadness as does this loss of JACK DEMPSEY.

I do not need to add to the tributes that have been paid to him today as a great American, a great statesman, a devoted public servant, but I would like to add a little personal comment as to his enormous and unusual worth as a friend and as a man. Now that he has been taken from us, I am happy that I have had the pleasure of staying with him in his home in Santa Fe, and thereby getting to know him on his home ground. When he and Gladys were at my house to dinner just a few weeks ago and he thanked me as he left, something

made me put my arm around his shoulder and say "JACK, it is always a pleasant evening when one can be in your company."

I never knew him to speak ill of anyone, but this did not mean any lack of discernment. He was an astute judge of men; he simply remained quiet if he could not speak well of others. This humanity and warmth made him loved by his opponents as well as his teammates. To Gladys and to his children I wish to convey the condolences and warm affection of my wife and me, and our wish that the memory of JACK'S extraordinary services to his country will in some measure help reconcile them to their personal loss.

This man was truly lovable, and it is a shame that we will have him with us no longer.

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina.

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it has been my privilege and pleasure to know JACK DEMPSEY for a long, long number of years. I always found him to be interesting and wholesome company. He had truly a Christian spirit and charity for all men. He was interesting to talk with. I found he had vast knowledge on many subjects, and a lovable disposition. I shall miss him greatly, as I know his host of friends in this House will miss him. It brought sadness to me, as it did to many others, to learn of his passing.

To his family and loved ones I express my very deepest sympathy.

Mr. DAWSON of Utah. Mr. Speaker, will be gentleman yield?

Mr. MONTOYA. I yield to the gentleman from Utah.

Mr. DAWSON of Utah. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our beloved friend and colleague, JOHN J. DEMPSEY, has brought deep-felt sorrow, not only to his immediate family, but to countless thousands who knew and loved him.

It has been my personal privilege to work very closely with "JACK," as he was affectionately known, on vital problems affecting our Western States. I know of no one who was more devoted to the welfare of his own people, and to the Nation as a whole, than this fine man. The high regard in which he was held by members of both political parties served him well and made of him a most effective Member of Congress. I recall the debate on the Second Supplemental Appropriation bill, held just a few days ago, when an amendment to secure funds for the Navaho project in New Mexico was offered by our colleague. This, I believe, was one of the last days he was to appear on the floor of the House. This amendment was offered to a measure on which amendments of this type were most difficult to obtain. Yet, because of the high regard Members on both sides held for JACK DEMPSEY, the amendment was adopted without a dissenting vote. This was one of the finest and most deserving tributes which could be paid to our esteemed colleague.

With the passing of years, JACK DEMPSEY seemed to grow in vitality and effectiveness. He had passed the time when most men seek retirement and seem to fade with time—but with the passing of years his powers and personality seemed to grow and to increase with each session of Congress.

As Victor Hugo was nearing the sunset of life he wrote the following lines, which are most applicable to our beloved colleague:

IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL

I feel in myself the future life. I am like a forest once cut down; the new shoots are stronger and livelier than ever, I am rising, I know, toward the sky. The sunshine is on my head. The earth gives me its generous sap, but heaven lights me with the reflection of unknown worlds. You say the soul is nothing but the resultant of the bodily powers. Why, then, is my soul more luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail? Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart. I breathe at this hour the fragrance of the lilacs, the violets, and the roses, as at 20 years. The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I hear around

me the immortal symphonies of the world which invites me. It is marvelous, yet simple. It is a fairy tale, and it is history.

For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and in verse; history, philosophy, drama, romance, ode, and song. I have tried them all. But I feel I have not said the thousandth part of what is in me. When I go down to the grave I can say like many others, "I have finished my day's work." But I cannot say I have finished my life. My day's work will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight, it opens on the dawn.

To his beloved wife and family, Mrs. Dawson, Billie, and I extend our deepest sympathy in this their hour of bereavement. May our Heavenly Father further bouy them up with the faith which JACK had that death is not the end but only an open door through which all shall enter to a new and more glorious life.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Roosevelt].

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Mr. Speaker, the eloquent and heartfelt tributes which have been paid by so many of our colleagues here today to Congressman DEMPSEY is a token of the love, the affection, and the esteem which all who knew him felt for this wonderful man.

Mr. Speaker, I rise particularly because I want to recall to some the long years of service to his country which Congressman DEMPSEY so faithfully gave throughout all of his public career. I remember particularly the closeness and the warm personal friendship which he had with my father when my father was President of the United States. He relied on Congressman DEMPSEY as an adviser, as a man whom he knew he could trust to tell him the unvarnished truth, and yet do it in a way which never had the sting of malice or any taint of disagreeableness. I remember, too, his service in the executive branch of the Government, and he brought, wherever he went, the ability to think clearly and to be construc-

tive, and his contributions will certainly live for many, many days to come.

So on behalf of my family, my mother in particular, and for myself, I want to express our very deep sense of loss and affectionate sympathy to Mrs. Dempsey and her family.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Scudder].

Mr. SCUDDER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, desire to express my sympathy at the passing of a good friend and a loyal legislator, Congressman DEMPSEY. I had the opportunity of serving with him on the Public Works Committee for quite a number of years, and in all that time he displayed a keen interest in the welfare of the internal conditions of our country and was always very willing to assist in every way possible to bring about a better economic condition.

Congressman JACK DEMPSEY had a long and interesting experience in political affairs. His name stands out in construction work in the city of New York and elsewhere throughout our country. He distinguished himself as Governor of the State of New Mexico and in the many years he served in the Congress of the United States did much for the welfare of our country and its people.

He was kind and considerate and was always desirous to be of assistance in connection with problems in all areas of our country as well as being a champion for the needs of his own district.

I shall always remember his cheery personality and I desire to extend to his wife and family my sympathy in their hour of grief.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Flood].

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, here was a kind man. This was a gentle man; this was a gentleman.

JOHN JOSEPH DEMPSEY

Mr. Speaker, I feel I have some special privilege in speaking these words about JACK DEMPSEY, becauses he was born and raised in a little mountain village in my district in the hard-coal fields of northeastern Pennsylvania. The Dempsey family were old settlers in this very old part of America. And, in the greatest and the best traditions of the Alger stories of our boyhood did JACK DEMPSEY, the son of a coal miner, the nephew of railroaders, with the seat out of his pants, as a kid of 12 or 14, sit in a cold mountain railroad switching shanty and learn railroad telegraphy. He worked at night, while in the day he walked 6 miles to the little red schoolhouse in these Pennsylvania mountains. So, from our part of the country we have been close to him all during his great years as a Pennsylvanian and as a great American. Gladys is a very lovely and very charming wife. She has been close to Mrs. Flood and me. JACK, because of his committee duties, periodically would be in Panama for the road conference. My duties on the committee for the Panama Canal would take me with him. Every other year at Easter we would make that trip. This was a hard working man. This was a businessman. This was a politician in the sense of the word that we should be proud to define.

His history in the great State of New Mexico, I say to the gentleman who was so kind as to yield to me, is known to him so well because of his own service in the same great State.

Mr. Speaker, I say these words because I want them to be heard in the Hall where he worked and loved so many of us. I shall extend my remarks, because my heart is filled and I want to be sure that I pour it forth in this tribute to our friend.

As you know, our late colleague was held in such esteem and respect by the people of New Mexico that he was twice elected to the highest public office in that State, the governorship.

During his many years of residence in his adopted State, JACK DEMPSEY made an outstanding record in the field of business, particularly in the railroad industry and, in addition, was one of the early pioneers in the research and development of the oil industry. As I'm sure you will agree, few people have enjoyed such success in such diversified fields of endeavor—business, industry, and as a public official.

The passing of our dear friend and colleague at this time of the year is particularly distressing because on next Monday we shall observe and celebrate St. Patrick's Day throughout this great Nation of ours.

I say this because JACK DEMPSEY was not only an outstanding public figure but he was an equally outstanding son of Erin. Mrs. Flood and I were privileged on many occasions to experience the warmth and humorous personality of this fine Irishman who, I might add, was a storyteller second to no one.

During his years as a member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, we often got together and discussed the role that atomic energy would play in the future for peaceful purposes, as opposed to the destructive use to which it might be put. JACK DEMPSEY was a peace-loving gentleman and possessed great vision, a vision that we can ill afford to lose during this era of international tension and danger.

Even though JACK DEMPSEY was an outstanding man with a record of immense accomplishments, he never during his long career lost the common touch. He could walk with the mighty and still retain that humbleness that we all recognized as the mark of a real and true gentleman. He always took his social responsibilities seriously and considered them a vital part of his job as a public servant as a means of meeting folks from all strata of our society. He was as at ease in a diplomatic atmosphere as he was making acquaintances at a neighborhood workingman's club. This exemplified the scope and the broadness of our late dear friend and colleague.

He shall be greatly missed, not only by the Members of this great body, but also by the thousands upon thousands of his friends and constituents who knew him so well and whom he served so faithfully and conscientiously for these many years.

To his family and particularly his gracious lady, Gladys, I express for myself and Mrs. Flood our heartfelt sorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I include the following editorial on the late Honorable JOHN J. DEMPSEY, from the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader Evening News, March 12, 1958:

JOHN J. DEMPSEY

In the years before and after America's entrance into the Second World War, Luzerne County played a leading role in Government and defense through native sons in key posts.

For example, the Chief of Naval Operations was a Wilkes-Barrean. The only commodore in the Navy was from here. A four-star general, with headquarters in the Pentagon, was an Ashley product. A lieutenant general in command of the Philippines was a White Haven native. A member of President Roosevelt's Cabinet was from Larksville. Pennsylvania's Governor was a Plymouth breaker boy. The list was long.

Among others, it included the name of JOHN J. DEMPSEY who first saw the light of day in White Haven where he launched his career as a waterboy, subsequently becoming an outstanding executive in New York and Oklahoma and eventually winding up in New Mexico where he served as governor. In the years that followed, he went to Washington where he was Representative in Congress, Under Secretary of the Interior, and member of the Maritime Commission. He was one of a distinguished company.

Representative DEMPSEY, who died in Washington last night at 78, went a long way in business and in Government service since quitting familiar boyhood scenes. It is a privilege to salute the memory of another local boy who made good.

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, permit me to join with my colleagues in paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory of our late colleague and esteemed friend, the distinguished gentleman from New Mexico, Congressman JOHN J. DEMPSEY. The news of his passing is received with sadness by all

his friends. His death leaves me with a real sense of personal loss. He was possessed with a most genial personality and was a colorful Member of the House. In his service in this Chamber, he demonstrated great attributes of insight, wisdom, and justice. Both his State and Nation have been enriched by the contributions he made as a Member of the Congress. We shall miss JACK DEMPSEY and I wish to convey to the members of his family an expression of my sympathy.

Mr. HILLINGS. Mr. Speaker, it was with sadness that I heard of the passing of JOHN J. DEMPSEY, a devoted father, a real friend and a fine legislator.

I valued his friendship although we were of different political faiths. He was never too busy to express a kind word, never too busy to counsel.

He achieved a brilliant record of public service, as a Member of the House of Representatives, as Governor of New Mexico, and as an Under Secretary of the Interior.

He was an enthusiastic, important contributor to the development of the West, which he loved and which he consistently battled for over the many years of his public service. We shall miss him.

My sympathy goes to Mrs. Dempsey and other members of his family.

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of JOHN J. DEMPSEY, I have lost not only a close friend but one of the best members of my committee. As a leader in highway matters, his work in this field received much well-deserved praise and acclaim. He was a man of great determination, ability, and always did what he felt in his heart was the right and proper thing to do. He was a gentleman of the old school, loyal and devoted.

To his widow, Gladys, and his other loved ones, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Speaker, many good causes have lost a true champion in the passing of New Mexico's able statesman, the Honorable JOHN J. DEMPSEY.

"The Governor," as he was known to all of us, established a great record as a friend and advocate of conservation, good roads, justice for the American Indian, and good government in general.

Oklahoma, on more than one occasion, has benefited in this House through his stalwart friendship.

The Governor was always ready to listen to a colleague's problems, and to give a colleague sympathetic and wise counsel. On more than one occasion, he did this for the Member from the Second District of Oklahoma, and I feel today that my district, my State, and the Nation have lost a great and true friend.

To his family, and to his State which will miss him so much, I extend my warm sympathy.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of our beloved friend, JACK DEMPSEY, the House has lost one of its most able and outstanding Members. He was young in spirit, mind, and action. He could get as much done as any man it has ever been my privilege to serve with.

The people of his great State of New Mexico have lost one of its ablest and most faithful public servants; the Congress one of its stalwarts, and his family a great father and a wonderful character.

He was my friend of many years, and I join his family in their bereavement.

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, New Mexico has been doubly influenced in losing two distinguished Members of Congress when they were at the apex of their outstanding careers. It was with a keen sense of personal loss that I learned of the death of my very good friend and colleague, JOHN J.

DEMPSEY, affectionately known as JACK. I have known JACK DEMPSEY since coming to Washington and found his friendship and ever-ready willingness to lend a helping hand most gratifying and reassuring. I came to look upon him as more than a friend—some one to whom I could go with my problems for help and sincere guidance. JACK was a member of our Congressional Breakfast Club. There, as in his other endeavors, he occupied a warm place in the hearts of all who were associated with him.

This Congress and our Nation has suffered a great loss in the untimely death of Congressman DEMPSEY, and I express my heartfelt sympathy to his family in this hour of their great sorrow.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep regret that I heard of the passing of our colleague and friend, JACK DEMPSEY, on a late news broadcast last night.

Upon my coming to Washington at the start of the 84th Congress as a very green freshman, JACK was one of the first Members that I was privileged to meet. He extended to me the hand of friendship and was most helpful in assisting me in becoming orientated in my new duties. During the past 4 years that it has been my pleasure to serve in this House with Governor DEMPSEY, I found him a wonderful source of help and encouragement in the performance of my duties.

I wish to join my colleague from New Mexico, Mr. Montoya, in paying my respects to a real gentleman, a great American, a man who served well his State, as well as his Nation. I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, children and his many friends in this hour of their bereavement. This body and the Nation, too, have lost a great friend and legislator.

Mr. THOMPSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, news of JACK DEMPSEY'S passing fills my heart with sadness. All this morning, since I first heard about it, a train of thoughts has been running through my mind—countless little recollec-

tions of things JACK has said—and kindly acts little and big, that I have watched him perform.

I first came to know him many years ago when I was asked by the Democratic National Committee to campaign for him and various others who were running for office in New Mexico. He was the candidate for Governor. I had not known him, so I took pains to familiarize myself with his background. What I learned then I can repeat with particular emphasis today.

He has always been a devoted servant of the public. Even when he was engaged in private enterprise, he had a keen and understanding attitude toward his fellow man. To one of that temperament, it was natural that he should find his way into public office. That his people have profited by it is manifest in the words of those whom I join in paying tribute today. There have already been, and will be many more, references to his unfailing good nature, to his instant readiness to help anyone who needed it, to his fine judgment on the complex matters which continually confront us.

It fell to Mrs. Thompson's and my happy lot to be warm, personal friends of both JACK DEMPSEY and his lovely wife. We visited frequently and exchanged the warm relationship of good friends with common interests. We shall miss this association more than words can express. We join with JACK's and Gladys' countless friends in extending deepest sympathy to her and the other members of the family. May I extend sympathy, too, to the people of New Mexico and to the remaining members of their fine delegation in Congress.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, I was grieved to learn of the death last night of my friend and colleague, Congressman JOHN J. DEMPSEY, of New Mexico. When I first came to this Chamber as a new Member of the 83d Congress there was no veteran Member of this body who could have been as friendly, kind, and courteous to me as he was. The willing-

ness to parcel out his experience and his good and sound advice was a hallmark of his personality. As I came to know him better over the last 5 years my respect and affection for him deepened. Of all of the men I have come to know in nearly 25 years of my public service, there have been none more considerate, none more gentle, and none more eager to help his fellow man as JOHN DEMPSEY. The great State which he served as Governor for 2 terms and the Nation mourn the passing of an outstanding statesman. And he was a great statesman. I doubt whether there ever sat in the Halls of Congress a man who exemplified as much courage, integrity, sincerity, and industry as did Congressman DEMPSEY. He had the unanimous respect and admiration of all his colleagues, no matter what their political affiliation. I know that my colleagues will agree with me when I say that this Nation is much better off because of the outstanding and devoted service that JOHN DEMPSEY gave in Congress, on the United States Maritime Commission and as Undersecretary of the Interior. To his wife and son and two daughters I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. PASSMAN. Mr. Speaker, there are relatively few mortal beings who gain, and merit, such abundant opportunities for public service as did the Honorable JOHN J. DEMPSEY, of New Mexico. Of those who do, a limited few indeed succeed so well and worthily as did our late and beloved colleague in fulfilling the responsibilities and discharging the duties of these opportunities.

His devoted and superior service to our Nation and his State as a Member of this House for a total period of more than 11 years is a matter of common knowledge among all those among us who have been permitted the good fortune to serve with him through the years. His record as Governor of the State of New Mexico, for the period 1943–47, is similarly outstanding. Also marked by earnest effort and distinguished accomplishment were his services in the executive branch of

our Government as a member of the United States Maritime Commission and as Under Secretary of the Interior, as well as in a number of other highly important posts of public trust.

The measure of a life is in the quality, and not in the length of it—but the sterling quality of JACK DEMPSEY'S life was especially blessed through full activity over a span of almost 79 years. Our Nation, his State, and the individuals who have been associated with him along the way, have been made richer, fuller, better because of him.

I am incapable of words to express my boundless respect and esteem for our late friend and his great works, or my sense of personal loss at his passing.

I wish to join my colleagues in conveying my most sincere sympathy to his bereaved family. May they be sustained in their grief by the cherished memory of his good and useful life, and by the certain knowledge that his soul is at peace on the other side of eternity.

Mr. ENGLE. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to express the deep sense of personal loss I feel over the passing of my close and dear friend, Governor DEMPSEY. It stems from his many acts of friendship, his unfailing kindness, and the many generous and helpful things he has done. A man needs friends in the House of Representatives—just as he does anywhere. Gov. JOHN DEMPSEY was an unfailing and loyal friend. He was kind and wise in his advice, which I often sought, and he was strong and steadfast in giving his support. The genuine grief expressed on the floor here today comes from a sense of gratitude for favors that can never be repaid, and sorrow in losing such a fine friend and wonderful human being.

Mr. FEIGHAN. Mr. Speaker, a great American has earned his eternal reward. Our very able, distinguished, and personable colleague, Mr. DEMPSEY, has passed from our midst. We all will miss him for the many fine things

that he always represented and for his interest in the cause of keeping America strong. The life and times of Mr. DEMPSEY epitomize the great opportunities that are offered here in America for anyone who is willing to work and sacrifice. From humble beginnings, our former colleague rose to positions of distinction and great public trust through his own zealous and untiring efforts. Mrs. Dempsey and his children can look back upon the life and times of Mr. DEMPSEY with feelings of great satisfaction and admiration. His always helpful and understanding relationships with other Members of the House will be sorely missed.

Mr. COLMER. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that I speak the sentiment of every Member of this House when I say that we are extremely saddened as we gather in this chamber today and miss the genial, familiar face of our esteemed colleague, JACK DEMPSEY. Possibly the most esteemed compensation which we receive for our service in this body is the friendships which we are given the opportunity to form here as well as in our respective districts at home.

For almost 20 years it has been my high privilege to know, honor and respect him who departed from us on yesterday. During the course of those years I learned a great deal from my association with him. We had much in common. His philosophy of government generally was very much in line with my own. He frequently confided in me what he and I regarded as inimical to the future welfare of this country—the trend away from sound constitutional and fiscal policies to the over-emphasized values of so-called progressive or liberal government. As one who had come up the hard way and as one who appreciated the benefits to be derived from the older system, he viewed with much alarm the modern trend away from those sound principles upon which this Government was founded.

Mr. Speaker, the cause of good government has lost a good friend. I join with his host of other friends here in extending my sincere sympathy to his family.

Mr. BUCKLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of sorrow that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to my friend and colleague, the Honorable JOHN J. DEMPSEY, who has passed to his reward. As a member and then as chairman of the Public Works Committee it was my privilege to serve shoulder to shoulder with Governor DEMPSEY and to learn to know him as a truly Christian gentleman, one dedicated to his work and to the welfare of his State.

He was a good father and husband, raising and educating a fine family. His 3 children and 5 grandchildren have been given a heritage of honor that will continue for them throughout their lives. His wife Gladys, has suffered a loss that all of us share.

Congressman DEMPSEY served in the House from 1935 to 1941; then as a member of the United States Maritime Commission, later as Under Secretary of the Interior, and from 1943 to 1947 as Governor of New Mexico. He returned to the House in 1951 and up until the day of his death served the people of New Mexico and the Nation to the best of his ability. His record of public service is one of which any man could be justly proud.

I know the entire membership of the House joins with me in an expression of heartfelt sympathy to his dear wife and family.

Mr. KEOGH. Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the passing of our distinguished colleague, JOHN DEMPSEY, of New Mexico. For of his many fine qualities, it will always be remembered that he was basically a good man. He was a good American, a good public official, a good Representative, ever anxious to be of assistance to those who sought his counsel, advice, and support. He had a most distinguished and colorful career—not the least important of which was served in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was recognized as one of our outstanding businessmen. His thoughts and heart always remained with Brooklyn, and he will always be re-

membered by the citizens of our community. He was, indeed, my good friend, and I shall miss him greatly. To his wife and to his family go my sincere sympathy. May he rest in the peace that he earned.

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, today I am deeply saddened by the passing of one of my dearest personal friends. The unexpected death of Hon. JOHN J. DEMPSEY, of New Mexico, is another fallen oak in the forest of our congressional friends.

JACK DEMPSEY, as he was affectionately known, possessed a personality that radiated sunshine and sincere fellowship. Not only this, he was a man of marked ability, courage, and fidelity.

It was once said by a distinguished statesman, "that a disposition to preserve and an ability to improve taken together would be my standard of a statesman." Measured by this yardstick, Representative DEMPSEY was every inch a statesman of the highest order.

My heart goes out to Mrs. Dempsey and to the members of his family at this hour of their great bereavement. Mrs. Reed joins in extending our deepest sympathy.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. Neal].

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, through our association on the Committee on Public Works during the 83d Congress, I learned to know and to admire Mr. DEMPSEY for his friendliness, his ability, his courtesy, and his statesmanship.

I want to join my colleagues in every word that has been said here today in tribute to this great man. Likewise, I join with all Members in extending to his widow and his family my most sincere and deep sympathy.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maine [Mr. Hale].

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, I should like to pay my brief tribute to JACK DEMPSEY. I was not thrown into close contact

with him, but I always enjoyed his genial smile, his gracious personality, which I thought reflected a life well lived, many friends well loved, and service freely and finely given. I shall miss him.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my warmest sympathy to his family.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Fulton].

Mr. FULTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that we are all saddened to hear about JACK DEMPSEY, whom we all liked so well. He was a good friend, a charming person, and, as the gentleman from Maine has said, one with a ready and wonderful smile.

It is hard to lose a good friend such as JACK DEMPSEY. I am sure his colleagues here in Congress have suffered a great loss at his death and extend our sincere sympathy to his good wife, Mrs. Dempsey.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Becker].

Mr. BECKER. Mr. Speaker, I had a great affection for our late colleague, JACK DEMPSEY. I met him for the first time 6 years ago, when I was assigned to the Committee on Public Works. I have never known a more friendly individual, a man who went out of his way to work with his colleagues, one with a kind word always.

Our late colleague spent many of his earlier years in the city of Brooklyn, where I was born. During our years together we discussed many things about Brooklyn and the people we both knew through the years.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in saying that we have sustained a great loss through the death of this very fine man, a great Member of this House. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family and pray that they will be able to bear up under their great loss.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Chenoweth].

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I want to join the gentleman from New Mexico and my other colleagues who have paid tribute to our beloved colleague, JOHN J. DEMPSEY.

I was greatly distressed yesterday when I heard for the first time of his illness. I was deeply shocked and saddened this morning when I learned of his death.

I liked JACK DEMPSEY and was proud to have him as a friend. JACK DEMPSEY was a friend of everyone. He did not wait for us to go to him for help with our problems, but he came to us. I have never seen a more able, courageous, and influential Member of this House, or one who was more gracious. My life is richer for having known JACK DEMPSEY.

My district borders on the State of New Mexico, and naturally JACK and I had many similar problems. We conferred frequently on matters of mutual interest to both Colorado and New Mexico. I recall how devoted he was to his State, and how diligently he worked to find a solution to the problems of his people.

The State of Colorado, as well as the State of New Mexico, has lost a real friend in the passing of JACK DEMPSEY. He was a strong supporter of every project we sponsored in Colorado. I recall his interest in the Fryingpan-Arkansas project when this legislation was on the floor of the House in 1956. JACK was very anxious to see this project approved and talked to me many times concerning the same. He personally contacted many of his friends and sought their support for the bill. He was very disappointed that the rule was not adopted for the consideration of this project. This was just one example of his desire to be of help in matters of importance to Colorado. We could always count on JACK DEMPSEY to help us.

We need more men like JACK DEMPSEY in public life today. He rendered devoted and unselfish service to his State and

the Nation. He was independent in thought and action, and always put the interests of his country first.

I am going to miss JACK DEMPSEY. He never failed to have a friendly greeting and was never too busy to stop for a visit. His passing is an irreparable loss, not alone to the State of New Mexico, which he served so faithfully, but to the entire Nation, and to me personally. He was a great American, as well as a delightful person, and a Christian gentleman.

I extend my deep personal sympathy to Mrs. Dempsey and the other members of the family.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. Weaver].

Mr. WEAVER. Mr. Speaker, it was a privilege to know Gov. JACK DEMPSEY, of New Mexico, who for many years has represented the people of that fine State. I valued his friendship very highly. He was an able and effective Representative in Congress and one who served his constituents well.

I would like to take just a moment to recall my first association with him some 3 years ago when I came to Congress. I was not a member of the same political party as Governor DEMPSEY. But this made no difference. Several important public-works matters pertaining to my district and Nebraska were to come before the House Public Works Committee and the subcommittee of which Governor DEMPSEY was chairman. I shall always feel indebted to him because of the assistance and encouragement that he gave to me as a new Member on these matters. His kindness and generosity and his interest in my problems helped me accomplish my task.

Mr. Speaker, the citizens of New Mexico have lost a diligent and conscientious leader in the person of JACK DEMPSEY. All who knew him respected and admired him. We have lost a true friend.

To Mrs. Dempsey and members of his family, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Schwengel].

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the news of the death of JACK DEMPSEY came as a great shock to me. I came to this Congress 4 years ago and was assigned to the Public Works Committee, where he had already distinguished himself as a very prominent and important member. I felt especially close to JACK, because he was one of the first of those sitting across the aisle to make himself acquainted with me and to counsel with me at times and offer his help in his kindly way in so many ways. Through that association I grew to appreciate the greatness of this man; he seemed to know how to tend to the little things of life that are so important.

I pride myself on being interested, at least, in the history of this great Nation. I am impressed many times with the fact that this Nation is great because it has had great men as leaders. As I have had a chance to reflect upon the past life and brief biographies and statements I have heard here, I am impressed with the fact that here was an example of a man that will stand long with other great men in the history of our country.

I believe it was Albert Pike who once said that what a man does for himself dies with him but what a man does for his community and his country lives forever. I cannot help but observe that, as I think of this great man and all the fine contributions he has made so unselfishly in so many ways for his country, JACK DEMPSEY will live forever.

There are these lines written to another great American that I think apply also:

> Here was a man to hold against the world.
> A man to match the mountains and the sea.

At times like this words seem inadequate and sometimes futile. To pay adequate tribute to this man is difficult. I am sure there is comfort in knowing that other people share your sympathy in times like this. If this be true, and I am sure

it is, then the load his family is called upon to carry at this time will be much lighter because I can think of no man whose loss would prompt more sympathy for his family.

So I want to join with the many colleagues who are paying tribute to him this day and to extend my sympathy to his family and to the State that he represented so well for so many years in this great body.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Cramer].

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in extending my sympathies in memory of Gov. JACK DEMPSEY as he was affectionately known to all of us on the Committee on Public Works and in the Congress. The first committee to which I had the privilege to be assigned as a Member of the Congress was the Committee on Public Works, and one of the first people on that committee with whom I became acquainted due to his inherent friendliness and cheerful demeanor was Governor DEMPSEY. He rendered on that committee and in this Congress a great service to the people of his State and to the people of the Nation. Time after time in our committee, it was Governor DEMPSEY's suggestions and recommendations and his sound proposals resulting from seasoned experience as a long-term public servant that led the way many times to more constructive legislation. On that important Committee on Public Works, he made invaluable contributions. He served on the same subcommittees as I did, the Subcommittee on Roads being one of them. He made many proposals that are now embodied in the national defense highway program of 1956 that is so important at this time and that will streak across the Nation as one of the many monuments to his memory. The memory of JACK DEMPSEY will remain with us always vividly and I wish to join in expressing my sympathy to his loved ones.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Rogers].

Mr. ROGERS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my colleagues who are expressing sympathy for the family of our beloved colleague in their bereavement. The district I have the honor to represent joins on one side the great State that has been so ably represented by Mr. DEMPSEY and Mr. Montoya. In many of the problems we have come face to face with, we always knew that JACK DEMPSEY was standing by our side. He was a great source of strength and, of course, although we know and we must recognize the fact that he has passed on to greater rewards, those of us whom he helped so much and who knew him so well know too that he will not be gone, but that he will continue to be that great source of strength in the future. He was truly a great American, a man who was born in one section of the country and who availed himself of opportunities in that section of the country and then moved on to another section of the country where he was so well received. He knew and understood the problems of America from one seashore to the other and from Canada to Mexico. His death, of course, will be a great loss to this country. Our hope is that many American boys will look upon his life as an example and follow in his footsteps.

Mr. DORN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the late JOHN J. DEMPSEY was one of the most outstanding Americans it has ever been my privilege to know personally. He was an asset to this great deliberative body. He served with dignity, honor, and integrity. This House is a better body by having known and served with him. He was a great governor, served the National Government in the highest traditions and was a superb United States Representative.

Mr. Speaker, above all, he was American to the core. He loved his country, free enterprise system; and the great Southwest that he so ably represented. I extend to Mrs. Dempsey and the children my most heartfelt and deepest sympathy.

Mr. CHELF. Mr. Speaker, I am indeed sad to learn of the passing of our honored and beloved friend and colleague, Gov. JACK DEMPSEY. His great State of New Mexico and the Nation have lost an industrious, loyal, devoted, dedicated, sincere, intelligent, honest, persevering public servant. JACK DEMPSEY was a noble character, considerate, generous, sympathetic, and understanding. He was a good speaker, an excellent debater, and a splendid legislator. He was truly a Chesterfield in his manners; gracious, kind, unassuming, and interested in the problems of his fellow men but, above all—JACK was a God-fearing, God-loving Christian gentleman. Gov. JOHN J. DEMPSEY traveled this way, leaving behind for him admiration, love, affection, tenderness; in fact, a full and wonderful life. Truly he let his "light so shine" that he has earned a place in that great mansion of rest.

We shall all miss his ready smile and his warm handclasp, his sage advice and counsel.

May God rest his soul in peace and bless his dear sweet loved ones.

Mr. WHARTON. Mr. Speaker, I cannot let this opportunity pass to join in the many contributions upon the passing of our good friend and colleague, whom we affectionately referred to as Gov. JOHN J. DEMPSEY.

Upon moving to Washington, I soon discovered that I was a neighbor of our late colleague, who was at one time the vice president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Corp., of my State. A gentleman of the old school, I was deeply impressed by his affection and outstanding loyalty to his constituency and to the country at large. He related to me the circumstances of his humble beginning, his removal to the State of New Mexico, his phenomenal success in business there and his elevation to the high office of Governor of that great State. Subsequently and as a Member of our body, as we all know, he served as a devoted public servant with great distinction.

We shall all miss his presence here and I can only join in extending deepest sympathy to his beloved wife and family.

Mr. WATTS. Mr. Speaker, under permission to extend my remarks, I wish to join with my colleagues and the friends of Gov. JACK DEMPSEY in evidencing the personal and deep feeling of sorrow that his passing brought to me.

JACK DEMPSEY was a friend to all of mankind. I was privileged to serve with him on the Public Works Committee of the House and had opportunity to observe him under many and varying conditions. Truly, no one that I have ever known radiated more graciousness and courtesy. He was tireless in his efforts to serve well his constituency and his country. A stalwart advocate for any cause, he was the personification of fairness in his consideration of the viewpoint of others. His standards and norms of conduct were models of perfection and dignity—they squared with a proper evaluation of the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the membership in this great body.

While the State of New Mexico lays full claim to him by adoption, the Commonwealth of Kentucky does not and never did let such claim go unchallenged. Exercising the wisdom and foresight which was one of his outstanding lifetime's characteristics, JACK DEMPSEY, prior to getting into the then little-known New Mexico, shored up his fortunes by joining in marriage with one of Kentucky's great ladies—Gladys Everett. The soundness of his judgment in this instance has been proven many, many times by the record and by acclamations of JACK DEMPSEY.

JACK DEMPSEY never lost his love for Kentucky. Neither did his love falter for his colleagues and his friends.

It was my privilege to know JACK and Gladys Dempsey personally and well. I was privileged to visit them in their home. His deportment in the Congress was his deportment in his home. He was always a gentleman.

In New Mexico's annals he etched a record that will forever be the goal of achievement for those who follow. Those who knew him loved him. All will miss him because he was a friend to all.

To his wife and family I extend my sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I shall miss, as do all Members of the House, our good friend and colleague, JOHN J. DEMPSEY.

I have been associated in the Congress with JACK DEMPSEY, as we knew him here, for only 3 years, but I had long been aware of his excellent record of public service.

During the period I had the pleasure of serving with JACK DEMPSEY, I worked with him on numerous water projects so vital to his State of New Mexico and my State of Texas. We tried to settle these matters without going to the courthouse, and I always found JOHN J. DEMPSEY honorable and fair.

JACK DEMPSEY had many friends in my congressional district, which adjoins New Mexico. I shall miss him deeply, but his work in this body shall long be remembered. I extend personal sympathy to his bereaved family and hope it will be of some consolation to them to know that JOHN J. DEMPSEY will always be recalled with fondness by his colleagues in the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with others in paying tribute to the memory of the late JOHN J. DEMPSEY, of New Mexico. The congressional district which I have the honor to represent borders along the eastern New Mexico line for many miles, and I was closely associated with Mr. DEMPSEY for many, many years.

JACK DEMPSEY and I came to Congress at the same time. Our associations have been very close. I have taken pride in his stalwart stand through the years for good government, and in his accomplishments in behalf of the people. He was a friend to the Southwest and to people of good will every-

where. He was most cooperative with his colleagues. He was regarded on both sides of the aisle in the House of Representatives as a man of quality, a true and devoted servant of the people.

I am saddened by the passing of JACK DEMPSEY, and I should like to join with others in extending my deepest sympathy to Gladys, his devoted wife, and other members of the fine family which he has left behind. I hope they may receive some consolation from the fine record of public service which JACK DEMPSEY has left as a memorial to his life and works.

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I knew our departed colleague, JACK DEMPSEY, as a neighbor, a friend—a fellow Representative from the great Southwest. During my brief tenure I learned to understand his fine personal qualities by sitting with him in conferences, and by working together with him on the common problems of our sister States.

I always found Congressman DEMPSEY a man of his word, who had a profound loyalty for the people and institutions of his State. He was a fighter, who never quit until he reached his objective. JACK fought the good fight, and he will be sorely missed by the citizens of his State and his many friends in this body.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, JACK DEMPSEY was my friend, and I do not use the phrase "my friend" lightly. To me it has real significance and meaning. Mine has been a life rich in experiences. In my many years, I have met a great number of people from all walks of life and have come to appreciate the qualities which make up a friend. JACK DEMPSEY possessed these to a superlative degree which I found only in a few people.

JACK DEMPSEY was warm and helpful. There was never a time that he was not willing to do everything he could to be of assistance to anyone who needed his help. He never

raised his voice, he never became angry. He was kind and considerate.

I cherish the memory of the many conversations I have had with him. He had a sense of what was right and proper and would never stoop to engage in anything mean or nasty.

JACK DEMPSEY'S passing creates a void in this House which will be hard to fill. He was able and had a sense of good legislating. He knew his work thoroughly and performed it in a most painstaking manner.

I will miss JACK DEMPSEY very much. I want to express my sympathy to his lovely family, with the hope that their grief may be tempered in some measure by the treasure of rich memories which they helped create with him. May the Lord have mercy on his soul.

Mr. MACDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my colleagues in paying honor to the late Congressman JOHN J. DEMPSEY, who was a great American and a great patriot.

Congressman DEMPSEY was a wonderful person. He was a man possessed of strong convictions and a most effective Member of the House, who long will be remembered for his demonstrated leadership both in his adopted State of New Mexico and in the executive and legislative branches of our Federal Government. He was a fighter for the causes in which he deeply believed and espoused. Yet he accomplished what he wanted by being kind and working with people. His friendships knew no party or factional limitations and he was one in whom one could put the utmost faith and confidence.

Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of spending many delightful hours with Congressman DEMPSEY. I want to say that I admired and respected JACK as he was familiarly known to his friends and colleagues. I shall forever be deeply indebted to him for his kindness and sound advice. I shall miss him very much. In the years to come I shall remember his ability, his accomplishments, his constructiveness, his noble

and sterling character, and all that he stood for, and in my memory I shall always cherish his friendship.

To his widow and the loved ones he leaves behind I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. DURHAM. Mr. Speaker, all the members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy join me in expressing sorrow over the passing of Congressman JOHN J. DEMPSEY, our longtime friend and coworker on the joint committee. We feel that our committee, the Congress, the State of New Mexico, and the Nation have suffered a great loss. Congressman DEMPSEY rendered long and fine service to the Congress and to his country.

On the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, JACK DEMPSEY was an active and valuable member on the Subcommittee on Raw Materials, and the Subcommittee on Communities, of which he served as chairman. He regularly attended meetings of these subcommittees, as well as other subcommittees, and the meetings of the full committee. He spoke with great experience and wisdom, and his opinions and advice were sought and of great value to us.

Only last month, on February 24 and 25, when he was not enjoying good health, Congressman DEMPSEY attended 2 long days of hearings before our committee on the problems of the uranium mining industry. He was deeply concerned about the individual hardships, as well as the broad policy questions involved, and he was tireless in his efforts to reach an intelligent and forward-looking solution to this problem, as well as to many others.

But more than anything else, his colleagues on the joint committee will all remember the twinkle in JACK DEMPSEY'S eyes; and we shall cherish his friendship the highest of all. He had many, many friends, and we were glad to be among them.

On behalf of all the members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, who knew JACK DEMPSEY and loved him well,

I extend to his wife, Gladys, and to the other members of his family our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. LANE. Mr. Speaker, the life story of Congressman JOHN J. DEMPSEY, of New Mexico, was so good and true, that it will linger long in our memories.

He did what few men have ever succeeded in doing, by building two consecutive careers in two sharply contrasting environments, and by that accomplishment alone he proved how closely he was identified with our national character; its courage, its faith, and its friendliness.

From the crowded canyons of Broadway to the quiet reaches of the Rio Grande he was equally at home, for all of it embraced the Nation of which he was so proud. From vice president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., to Governor of New Mexico, and Representative from that State in the Congress at Washington, JOHN built a full and varied life that was devoted to the service of others.

He was a quiet man and a kind man.

In everything that he did or said, he was guided by a deep and abiding devotion to the principles of his religious faith. Those of us who were privileged to know him and to work with him, will ever cherish the memory of his great humanity which was inspired by his love of God.

As a member of the Public Works Committee, and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, he had a hand in shaping the development of the United States, and its pioneering leadership in all fields that are necessary to the preservation of freedom.

I like to think that the soul which JOHN DEMPSEY put into his work as an able Member of Congress, will, in ways beyond our ken, continue to inspire us with his fervent belief that eternal truths will finally prevail.

To his widow, his son, and his two daughters, we extend our sympathy, for we share in their loss.

The life of a good man whose earthy journey has ended, becomes immortal: in the paradise of the Blessed, and in the hearts of those who loved him.

Mr. CELLER. Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened at the demise of our colleague, JOHN J. DEMPSEY, of New Mexico.

His was a real Horatio Alger story. From railroad water boy in Brooklyn, he grew up to be Governor of New Mexico and a Democratic Representative from his adopted State. It was only 2 days before he went to the hospital that he supplied expert leadership in the House directing work on the $36 million Navaho Dam on the upper Colorado River in the New Mexico water storage project.

I knew JOHN DEMPSEY for almost 40 years. I first grew acquainted with him when he was claim agent for the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. in my native city of Brooklyn. Soon after that, he became president of the company. The pioneer spirit was in him and he sought new challenges in the West. He became State director of the National Recovery Administration in New Mexico during the Roosevelt administration. He won the esteem and affection of the good people of New Mexico, who elected him twice as Governor of their State. He then became a Representative in Congress from New Mexico from 1935 to 1941 and was welcomed back again by this body in 1951.

JOHN DEMPSEY was a man of fine character, geniality, ability, and humanity. Our condolences go forth to his wife, two daughters, and his son.

Mr. MONTOYA. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

House Resolution 503

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JOHN J. DEMPSEY, a Representative from the State of New Mexico.

Resolved, That a committee of eight Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Montoya, New Mexico; Mr. Jensen, Iowa; Mr. Holifield, California; Mr. Price, Illinois; Mr. Blatnik, Minnesota; Mr. Jones, Alabama; Mr. Aspinall, Colorado; Mr. Rhodes, Arizona.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 44 minutes p. m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 13, 1958, at 12 o'clock noon.

THURSDAY, *March 13, 1958.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Galatians 6: 9: *Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

Most merciful and gracious God, we beseech Thee to be present and favorable unto these Thy servants as they again assemble in this Chamber to engage in the business of statecraft.

We pray that Thou wilt increase the ardor of our efforts in well-doing and help us to mobilize our faith in the abiding reality and the invincible strength of the moral and spiritual resources.

Grant that we may hasten the dawning of that day when all shall know Thee, and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord.

We thank Thee for the life and character of our colleague who now dwells with Thee in eternal blessedness. May the members of his bereaved family find their consolation in Thee.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 274

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JOHN J. DEMPSEY, late a Representative from the State of New Mexico.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, adjourn until 10 o'clock antemeridian tomorrow.

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WEDNESDAY, *March 12, 1958.*

Mr. CHAVEZ. Mr. President, it is with a sense of deep regret that I announce to the Senate at this time, the death on yesterday at the George Washington University Hospital of Hon. JOHN J. DEMPSEY, late a Representative at Large from my State of New Mexico.

Later in the day I shall submit a formal resolution relative to his death, and have something further to say concerning his character and service as a Representative.

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. CHAVEZ. I yield.

Mr. ANDERSON. I wish to say that all of us in New Mexico were profoundly shocked by the news of the death of Mr. DEMPSEY. As my colleague well knows, he had been very active in our State for a long time. He ran for office the first time in 1934, at the time my colleague first came to the Senate. He served our State as Governor, and prior to that as Under Secretary of the Interior. Of course, as we know, he served several terms in the House of Representatives. All of us were deeply shocked to hear of his death. I appreciate the announcement by my colleague prior to the receipt of the formal notice from the House of Representatives.

Mr. CHAVEZ. It was my purpose to delay any further remarks until formal notice had been received from the House of Representatives. Then I shall have something further to say.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. CHAVEZ. I yield to the majority leader.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. I have been grieved by the knowledge of the condition of our beloved friend, Representative DEMPSEY; and I am distressed to learn that he has passed away. For many years, as my two colleagues from New Mexico know, I served with Mr. DEMPSEY as a Member of the House of Representatives. I had great admiration and affection for him. Mrs. Johnson and I extend to his lovely wife Gladys and members of his family our deepest sympathy on this occasion. I appreciate the Senator from New Mexico yielding to me to make my statement.

Mr. CHAVEZ. As I have stated, I shall have something more to say about Representative DEMPSEY. For the moment I thought I should withhold any further remarks until formal notification had been received from the House of Representatives.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Bartlett, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. JOHN J. DEMPSEY, late a Representative from the State of New Mexico, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution from the House of Representatives, which the clerk will read.

The legislative clerk read, as follows:

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Resolved, That a committee of eight Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. CHAVEZ. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the junior Senator from New Mexico [Mr. Anderson], I send to the desk a resolution which I ask to have read, and for which I ask immediate consideration.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. May we have order, please, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be in order.

The resolution will be read for the information of the Senate.

The resolution (S. Res. 274) was read, as follows:

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Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, adjourn until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on proceeding to the consideration of the resolution.

The resolution was considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to.

Under the second resolving clause, the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. Chavez and Mr. Anderson as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Sparkman in the chair). The Senate, in accordance with the last clause of Senate Resolution 274, will stand adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 57 minutes p. m.), the Senate adjourned, the adjournment being, under the order previously entered, in accordance with the last resolving clause of Senate Resolution 274, as a further mark of respect for the late Representative of New Mexico, until tomorrow, Thursday, March 13, 1958, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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